NANRO Presentation to Select Committee on Tribal Relations

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ILLIGAL DUMPING VIDEO

EPA Published Statement

US EPA

"EPA regulates household, industrial, and manufacturing solid and hazardous wastes under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). RCRA's goals are to protect us from the hazards of waste disposal; conserve energy and natural resources by recycling and recovery; reduce or eliminate waste; and clean up waste that which may have spilled, leaked or been improperly disposed of."



IHS Published Statement

Mission

- The mission of the Indian Health Service (IHS) is to raise the health status of the American Indian and Alaska Native people to the highest possible level. To carry out this mission, the IHS provides comprehensive primary health care and disease prevention services. The Sanitation Facilities Construction (SFC) Program is the environmental engineering component of the IHS health delivery system.
- To support the IHS mission, the SFC Program provides technical and financial assistance to American Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages for cooperative development and construction of safe water, wastewater, and solid waste systems and related support facilities. More information can be found on the resources page.



Wyoming DEQ Solid Waste Division Published Statement

- WY DEQ Solid Waste Division
 - "State law requires that all solid waste be disposed of, treated or recycled at designated facilities approved by both the SHWD and the local governing body with jurisdiction (county, city, town) in which the facility is located."



FCSWDD Published Statement

FCSWDD

Section 1. Solid Waste Disposal Sites. The District shall maintain and operate, through its own staff or through contract mangers, or volunteers, one or more solid waste disposal sites within the District, for the use and benefit of residents of the District."



NANRO Published Statement

- NANRO / NASWP
- ▶ **Mission:** To ensure the delivery of an integrated, cost-effective & environmentally sound Solid Waste Management System, and to promote sustainable community programs and policies for NAT Members.
- ▶ **Vision:** To reduce the waste stream by promoting individual & corporate responsibility, and to utilize new collection methods and technologies that create greater cost effectiveness & operating efficiencies without sacrificing service to customers.



Who's helping take care of the issue?

EPA

- Worked with Roger Hancock before he transferred just recently had correspondence with his replacement who invited here for this meeting
- Region 8 RCRA has been here to look at issue worked on a CAP but no formal document finalized no communication with them since

IHS

No communication with my office between December 2016
& April 2018. None since April

Who's helping take care of the issue?

WY DEQ

► No discussion with NABC regarding the issue however FCSWDD is their Waste District for Fremont County

FCSWDD

- Provide Solid Waste services to Fremont County, Work with Tribes to do what they can with the funding they have available
- ➤ Tribe & County disagree about the amount needed to run the transfer stations

Who's helping take care of the issue?

NANRO / NASWP

- ► Have created a residential service for public,
- ► Have procured several pieces of equipment around the amount of \$450,000.00 that will aid in the efficiency with the clean-up of illegal dumping when it is done

Questions I have for the above Organizations

TO EPA:

- ► A question we cannot answer but I want to put out there is; Why isn't the EPA here today to discuss this issue with us?
 - ► EPA advised me that they cannot make it due to travel issues because of the holiday and due to short notice.

TO IHS:

- Why has IHS not communicated with the NANRO regarding this issue
- What can you do to help us with this issue that is really going to make an impact. Can you provide funding to clean up the illegal dumping?

Questions I have for the above Organizations

► TO WY DEQ SOLID WASTE:

- Why hasn't DEQ initiated contact with the Tribes who have Judication as per their policy?
- Do you think that you are effectively protecting human health and the environment seeing the conditions of the transfer stations presented today as per the integrated solid wast policy

TO FCSWDD:

▶ Wouldn't you agree that by executing a contract that had the option of closing a high volume transfer station within 20 miles of a facility, and proving the same amount of money (\$250,000.00) to now operate 3 stations rather than 4, it costs more than what is offered and accepted to run all 4 stations?

Questions I have for the Committee

- ► How can we work together to move past the jurisdiction issue?
 - ► To me it is a non-relevant argument as we have been working with the FCSWDD in a number of different scenarios over the past several years
- How can we work together to make the Tribes eligible for SLIB funding under the Cease and Transfer Grant & Loan Program
- ► How can we work together to get EPA & IHS to the table to help the citizens of Wyoming with this issue as per their stated missions

Dumping Fees / Tipping Fees

- ▶ I don't really have any problem with the County Fees I believe that FCSWDD has their reasons to charge what they do.
 - ► FCSWDD Fees = to \$80.00 Per Ton, not including the costs to transport waste to a FCSWDD facility
- NANRO can get to Casper at a cost of less than \$60.00 per ton total disposal
 - ► Cheaper to dispose of in Casper with NANRO waste stream volumes
 - ▶ Would be able to save around \$30,000.00 per year

QUESTIONS / DISCUSSION